



### There's a Place for You at St. Paul's!



#### "Go and Do Likewise"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." – Luke 10:37

As we move into November, we find ourselves in a time of reflection and transition. With the contentious election season just a couple of days away, the divisions in our communities are palpable. The media, social media, and even our personal relationships have been weighed down by tension, heated debates, and the anxiety of what comes next. It's in moments like these that we, as followers of Christ, are called to look to Scripture for guidance on how to respond faithfully.

This month, we turn our attention to the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke. When an expert in the law asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus answers by pointing to the greatest commandment: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But the expert presses further, asking, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus responds with the story of a man beaten and left for dead on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was a dangerous road, and a frequent short cut. As you know, the priest and the Levite pass by the wounded man, ignoring his need. It is the Samaritan—an outsider, someone from a despised group—who stops to help, showing mercy and compassion. Jesus closes the parable with the challenge: "Go and do likewise."

In the wake of this election, many of us are left wondering how we can live out our faith in such a divided and polarized society. Whether the candidates we supported won or lost, our neighbors—those with whom we may deeply disagree—remain our neighbors. Jesus' call to "go and do likewise" is a reminder that we are to show mercy to all, not just to those who think or vote like us.

This story invites us to ask ourselves: Who are the people we might walk past in today's world? Who have we categorized as "other" or even "enemy"? The parable calls us to go beyond our comfort zones, offering help and kindness, even when it's difficult. We are invited to see the image of God in everyone, especially those who are hurting or marginalized.

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As a community, this call is deeply aligned with our values. We are rooted in Christ's love, and we believe that love must extend beyond the walls of our church, reaching into our neighborhoods and communities. We are called to be bridge builders, peacemakers, and healers. In this post-election season, that might look like listening to those we disagree with, reaching out in kindness, or participating in efforts that promote justice and reconciliation.

We are reminded that the kingdom of God is not brought about by violence, but by small, daily acts of compassion. It is through these acts that we participate in God's ongoing work of healing and restoration.

So, as we move forward from the elections, let's ask ourselves: How can we, as a church, live out the command to "go and do likewise"? How can we be the Good Samaritan in our local community, showing love and mercy to all our neighbors?

Let us pray for wisdom, courage, and grace as we seek to embody Christ's love in our divided world.

In peace and solidarity,  
Pastor Paul M. Larson



### *Installation*

*Please join us on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
for the installation of the Reverend Paul M. Larson  
as St. Paul's permanent Pastor.*

*A reception hosted by WELCA will follow the installation.*



**Council Corner**  
**Louise Griffith,**  
**President**



### **President's Report for November**

This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. It is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting.

### **Financial Report**

	September 2024	Total Year-to-Date
Total General Fund Income	\$13,614.46	\$62,024.58
Total General Fund Expenses	\$13,174.81	\$39,810.08
Difference	\$439.65	\$22,214.50

Although this article is brief, it seems a lot is happening around the church.

There will be a Worship Life meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> after church. We will be adding a Worship Leadership team to help lead worship when Pastor Paul will not be with us. There are lots of different ideas that will add variety to our worship experience. If you are interested in helping lead the worship service, please join us.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., we will install Pastor Paul M. Larson as permanent Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Family. The Conference Dean and several Pastors from around our Synod will be joining us for this celebration service.

Over the next several months, the Church Council will be working on updating church policies, including the employee handbook and the Constitution Bylaws. Pastor Paul has many ideas, and I am excited to be able to roll up our sleeves and get to work with him by our side.

Grace and Peace,  
Louise Griffith, President





*From Pastor Mary Lou*

*Dear Beloved Friends at St. Paul's:*

*Words cannot fully express the gratitude and love I feel for each and every one of you. The Bon Voyage party was an overwhelming display of your kindness and generosity.*

*The gifts, the generous amount of money, the beautiful quilt from the Stitchers, the party, the decorations, the cake and the gifts from Traci and the youth, the restaurant gift card from a special member, the flowers from your incredible office administrator, my favorite cookies from Jean, and all the beautiful cards of love were incredibly thoughtful and appreciated. I went off on my cruise with the gifts, which were so welcome.*

*Knowing that I have your blessings and support means the world to me. Although I miss you, I am confident you are in the best hands God has given you. I know you are loving Pastor Paul.*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this beautiful send-off. You have all made my journey ahead that much brighter.*

*With heartfelt thanks,*

*Pastor Mary Lou*



## Treasurer's Report: Income, Expenses and Budgets Chart

September 2023 to September 2024  
Principal Payments Excluded



**Worthy Charities in Carson City**  
**Advocates to End Domestic Violence**  
<https://www.aedv.org/>

**FISH Friends in Service Helping**  
<https://www.nvfish.com/>

**Feeding Pets of the Homeless**  
<https://petsofthehomeless.org/>

**Ron Wood Family Resource Center**  
<https://carson-family.org/>

**Catmandu Cat Shelter**  
<https://www.catmanducc.org/>

**Scaredy Cats Trap Neuter Release**  
<https://www.scaredycatstnr.com/>

**Nevada Humane Society**  
<https://nevadahumanesociety.org/>

*Many thanks to all those who continue to tithe and give offerings to our church. Your faithfulness to St. Paul's is appreciated beyond words.*



**If you need to update your information for the church directory or supply new photos, please send your updates or any corrections to the church office by the end of November.**

**Thanks!**

# Servants Serving

## Greeters

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy McPhail  
November 10<sup>th</sup> Vera Logie  
November 17<sup>th</sup> Ruth Fitzgerald  
November 24<sup>th</sup> Deanna Fine

## Readers

November 3<sup>rd</sup> TBA  
November 10<sup>th</sup> TBA  
November 17<sup>th</sup> TBA  
November 24<sup>th</sup> TBA

## Communion Assistants

Volunteers for all dates TBA

## Livestreaming Team

Nick Cotsonis and Holly McPhail

## Musicians

Dave Lingensjo, Principle Musician  
Vicki Hamilton, Organist  
Carol Arneson, Choir Director

## Altar Guild

Joan Schultz  
Jere Schultz

## Counters

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy McPhail and  
Jay Olshen  
November 10<sup>th</sup> Dorothea Phelan and  
Steve Ranson  
November 17<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail and  
Greg Griffin  
November 24<sup>th</sup> Mary DeFelice and  
Deanna Fine

## Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

## Youth Acolytes

Volunteers for all dates TBA

## Ushers

November 3<sup>rd</sup> TBA  
November 10<sup>th</sup> TBA  
November 17<sup>th</sup> TBA  
November 24<sup>th</sup> TBA

## Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton  
Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald  
Worship and Readers: Judy McPhail  
Counters: Mary DeFelice  
Youth Acolytes: Traci Angel  
Card Ministry: Marla Johnson

*We are looking for worship leaders for the Sundays that Pastor Paul will not be here.  
Please speak with Pastor Paul or Louise Griffith  
if you are interested in volunteering.  
We will have training on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
after worship! Thank you!*



**If you wish to volunteer for a  
worship position,  
please call the church office.  
Thank you, volunteers,  
for your service to our church!**



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sharon Gesick
- 3 Judy McPhail
- 5 Michael Hautekeet
- 6 Phillip Martineau
- 9 Heather Brown
- 9 Victoria McComb
- 11 Heather Silver
- 12 Vera Logie
- 13 Kelly Boggs
- 14 Brian Anderson
- 18 Dan O'Neil
- 18 Todd Russell
- 18 Linda Wilson
- 19 Bryan Chowanski
- 21 Elliot Boggs
- 22 Kennedy Randle
- 26 Teresa Enders
- 27 Nick Cotsonis
- 29 Karen Hone



**FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS**  
 Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman,  
 Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould,  
 and Jason Wildblood.

**SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**  
 Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson),  
 Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee,  
 Bryce Stimpka, and Olivia Lesperance,

**WELCA Bible Study meets on the first  
 Tuesday of the month at  
 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

For more information, contact Vicki Hamilton.

**STITCHERS** meet in Friendship Hall the  
 second and fourth Tuesday of each month from  
 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Happy Anniversary  
 George  
 and  
 Vicki Hamilton  
 November 29<sup>th</sup>*



*The congregation and staff of St. Paul's  
 wish to thank those who donated the funds  
 for the new flooring in the church's restrooms.  
 The new floors look great!*



*Remembering the Saints  
of  
St. Paul's Lutheran Family*

REV. MIKE PATTERSON  
JUNE BENNETT-HANSEN  
REV. DOUGLAS THUNDER  
MADELEINE YOHO  
HANNELORE HANKE  
SARAH JEVNE  
GLENN LAURSEN

*LIVES WELL LIVED*





### Mark Your Calendars!

The guest speaker for WELCA's December meeting will be Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong. He is always great. The meeting date is December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We expect to have a cookie exchange. All our men are invited too! It will be a great time. For more information, please contact Joan Schultz  
Thanks!



### Christmas Poinsettias

Since last year's poinsettia plan worked out so well, the Altar Guild will repeat it this year.

We will purchase a number of poinsettias for the altar, asking the congregation to make donations for the purchase. Along with the donations, memorial and other dedications will be accepted for the Christmas bulletin.

Any funds beyond the purchase of the flowers will be donated to St. Paul's General Fund.

A letter will be available at Sunday services to initiate a gift request.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks! Joan Schultz



Due to the enormous amount of scam emails we receive and the number of hackers going through church websites for congregant information, all emails and phone numbers are being eliminated from the worship books, newsletters, website, etc.

If you need to contact a fellow congregant, their information should be in your directory. You can also call the church office for contact information.  
Thank you for your understanding.

## PERSPECTIVE: A THANK-FILLED THANKSGIVING

By Angela Denker *Originally published 2017*



My mom loves thank-you cards. She sends them on a whim, joyfully, breathlessly. She keeps a stack in her house for any occasion that requires giving thanks, such as when she watched my two little boys overnight and then *thanked me* for the joy they brought to her house and the love we shared as I had become a mom.

I've never been as good at thank-you cards as my mom. I guess my excuse is that I'm a writer and people must expect me to write something profound. That's why I spent several days writing thank-you cards for my high school graduation party: I wanted to say something special and unique to each person. This took forever, but I have to admit, it also brought me joy.

Thank-you cards, like politeness and political correctness, have fallen out of favor in the U.S. lately. They seem sometimes an archaic emblem of the past, resurrected only for weddings and baby showers. Sometimes I prefer the thank-you text; occasionally I stoop to the thank-you Bitmoji.

Unsurprisingly, given her love of thank-you cards, my mom also loves the annual Thanksgiving tradition of going around the table and sharing what makes us thankful. As a Lutheran pastor's kid, she famously roped my dad's sometimes-reluctant Catholic family into the tradition. As I got older, it seemed harder instead of easier each Thanksgiving to think of the right thing to be thankful for. Kid answers were specific and particular: my best friend, Ryan; mashed potatoes; my new green scooter; my mom and dad. Adult answers were often vague: my family, my health, my life, my faith. It's harder to name the particularities of our gratitude because that requires real self-revelation—a tall task in an age of filtered photos and privacy settings.

As we get older, too often our Thanksgiving meals become a performance of family life and duty. We roast the turkey; we mash the potatoes; we avoid talking about politics; we hide the alcohol from the relative who has had one too many. We keep our prayers and our conversations light and vague. Few, if any, chose to lead with love and self-revelation. What if more of us that year had taken a page from my mom's well-worn book of gratitude? What if more of us had said: "I'm thankful for this moment, when I can pause before this ample meal with people I love, and trust that God's voice of grace and mercy will overcome the anger and hatred that divide us—as a family and as a nation"?

U.S. families and U.S. Christians (including Lutherans) have much to discuss this Thanksgiving. There is a need, especially for white families, to confront generational racism, sexism and prejudice. There is a need for families to talk about politics and where they see Jesus' life, death and resurrection resounding or sounding a warning in the U.S. today.

But before those important conversations can begin, before we carve the turkey and watch the Detroit Lions lose again (maybe this year they'll finally win), we have to break down the walls of misunderstanding, resentment and grief that have been built up in so many of our lives and so many of our families.

Many of us are wondering where we can begin—to heal and to talk together from different backgrounds, ages, and walks of life. I believe this Thanksgiving may offer an opportunity to begin with giving thanks. Not in general—for family, health or friends—but in particular ways: naming our loved ones, naming our blessings, naming what holds our heads above the rushing sea in a world that often feels tumultuous.

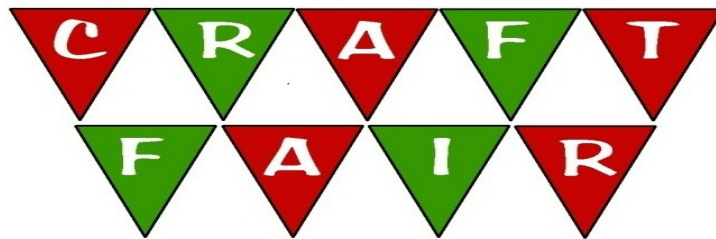
Paul began his letter to the Philippians with words I remember every time I think of the ones I love: "I thank my God every time I remember you" (1:3).

Dear *Living Lutheran* readers, I'm thankful for you. May our gratitude for one another open the door to a thank-filled thanksgiving.





Event St. Paul's Lutheran Church • 1201 North Saliman Road Event  
Location Corner of Saliman & Hwy 50 East • Carson City Location



**Carson City Senior Center Holiday Craft Fair**

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
and  
**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The gift shop will also be open for shopping.

This event supports Meals on Wheels!

911 Beverly Dr., Carson City, NV 89706

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# Youth NEWS AND EVENTS

All youth who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join the Youth Group!  
Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after our worship service.  
If you know anyone who is interested or has any questions,  
please call Traci Angel.

## Trunk-or-Treat

The Youth Group hosted its annual **Trunk-or-Treat** event on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turn out, and many car trunks were decorated—some even had games! The cool 80's, Foodies, and Princesses had a blast! Each of them got to stop at every car, and they all filled their buckets and bags with lots of candy. Due to the strong winds, the bounce house was not part of the fun this year. We also moved the snacks and crafts inside to make it easier with the wind!

YOU helped make this event a huge success!

Thank you! Traci Angel











## Christmas Angel Tree

We have adopted nine kids in our community who are in need of Christmas. We want to give each person Christmas gifts and a new outfit! THANK YOU!

**Angel Tree Information** – As you enter the church, you will find the Angel Tree and sign-up chart in the narthex. The school social workers said we should have the wish list to them by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

As soon as we get the lists, we will put the ornaments on the tree.

Please pick your angel ornament and add your name to the chart. This will allow us to keep track of who is getting each gift. The youth will go shopping for items not taken off the tree and will wrap **ALL** the gifts!

**Ways to Shop** – If you would like the youth to shop for you, please send your donation to the church, and the youth will be happy do the shopping! If you are going out and about to shop, please bring your **unwrapped** gift with the angel ornament attached to it to the church by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please place all gifts under the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Traci.



## Special Christmas Youth Sunday & Coffee Hour Brunch

The youth and kids will be putting together our Youth Sunday on December 15<sup>th</sup> with a special Coffee Hour and Brunch directly after the Christmas Program.

We look forward to seeing you all. ~ Traci Angel

# Don't miss the fun!

10 November 2024

## Youth Sunday at St. Paul's Lutheran Family



# Mark your calendars!



SPSYC  
HIGH SCHOOL  
RETREAT

FEBURARY  
21-23, 2025

MT. CROSS MINISTRIES  
CONTACT PASTOR PAUL IF INTERESTED

The poster features a brown wooden sign with white text hanging from two ropes against a teal sky with white clouds and two birds. Below the sign is a stylized illustration of a forest with green pine trees, a large orange tent, and a small campfire with a yellow flame. The background is a solid green field.



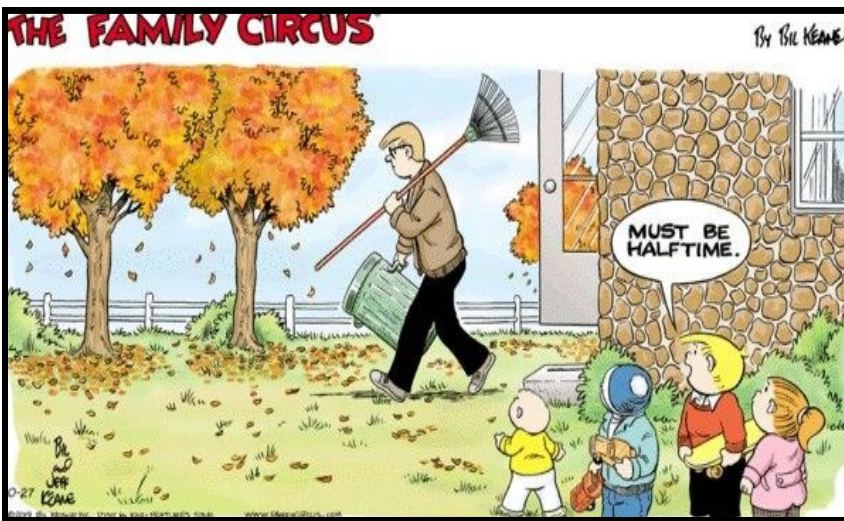
**CONFIRMATION  
CAMP AT  
MT CROSS**

June 22nd-27th, 2025  
Contact Pastor Paul if  
interested

Word of Life  
Summer 2025

The poster features a light grey sky with a large full moon. On the right, there are three stylized green trees. In the foreground, there is a large orange tent on a green field. To the left of the tent, a man in a yellow jacket and a woman in a pink headscarf are sitting on a log. A campfire with a yellow flame is in front of them. A woman in a brown headscarf is sitting on a pink mat on the ground. The background is a solid green field.







**Sunday**

**Worship**

9:00 a.m.

Youth Group

First and third Sunday after worship

**Sundays**

NA 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

WELCA Bible Study

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Contact Vicki Hamilton for more information.

**Tuesdays, November 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

Stitchers

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Contact Shirley Rickard for more information.

**Tuesdays**

Confirmation Class at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesdays, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m.

Contact Carol Arneson for more information.

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Executive Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Thanksgiving Day

(Church office will be closed.)



**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor Paul's Installation, 2:00 p.m.**

**A reception hosted by WELCA will follow the installation.**


**A Google calendar is posted on St. Paul's website with all the events happening at our church.**  
<https://www.stpaulslutheranfamily.com/>

**Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

**This month:**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> (**All Saints' Day**), November 10<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, and November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

Directions for YouTube: 

Copy and paste this link into your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulslutheranfamily7828>

The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.

The time change to **Standard Time** will happen on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**. This is the day when Daylight Saving Time (DST) will officially end in the U.S. **At 2:00 a.m.**, clocks will be turned back by one hour. For those who rely on electronic devices like smartphones and computers, there's no need to worry. Most of these gadgets automatically make the switch for you, since they have an integrated calendar that detects the day anyway.

However, if you have a grandfather's clock, you should pay attention to it that Sunday morning. It's very easy to forget about it, and be an hour early to an appointment two weeks later. Other gadgets that will need manual adjustment are microwaves, ovens, analogue clocks, older car models, and wristwatches.

If you have already bought a calendar for 2025 (and love to plan ahead), you might want to mark the next hour change too. **Daylight Saving Time** will begin on **Sunday, March 9, 2025** when clocks are set forward one hour, and it will end on **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, when they are set back again.